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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for frozen whole hens and toms continue barely steady to weak. Demand light to moderate. Trading uneven with some sales reported on toms for February to March arrivals at 63 cent. Offerings of hens and toms available. Parts and meats trading light with a generally weak undertone. Offerings mixed but generally available.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading inactive. Inquiry reported as light to moderate but no sales confirmed.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 06, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	FEB-MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1800	FEB-MAR

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN. 07, 2000

CURRENT WEEK

LAST WEEK

SAME WEEK YEAR AGO

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	63.80 **	67.50 **	59.80 **
CENTRAL REGION	62.50 **	65.50 **	62.00
WESTERN REGION	63.80 **	67.50 **	60.10 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00 **	53.00	59.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	60.90 **	62.00 **	62.00
WESTERN REGION	62.30 **	64.00 **	59.90 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	89-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	71-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	94-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-JAN-00

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>				<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>		<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>		<u>—THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD—</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	709	0	21.23	(A)	(A)	722	21.31
S ATL	397	0	30.18	(A)	(A)	414	29.94
N CENT	1,281	0	31.00	(A)	(A)	1,306	30.98
S CENT	367	0	21.29	NONE	NONE	367	21.29
WEST	234	0	20.57	(A)	(A)	238	20.79
U.S.TOTAL	2,988(B)-38	26.57		0	59	3,047	26.58

TO DATE

1999 247,582(B) 56 1,920 249,558

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1998 258,953(B) 72 1,896 260,921

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 761,000; last year to date 1,096,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	0	2,988	59	3,047
AVG WT	0.00	26.57	27.47	26.58
LAST WEEK	0	3,962	44	4,006
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,776	23	3,799
AVG WT	0.00	24.74(A)	25.13	24.75
TO-DATE/1999	56	247,582(A)	1,920	249,558
TO-DATE/1998	72	258,953(A)	1,896	260,921

(A) Includes 761,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,096,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 25-Dec-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 234 HD, 4,813 LBS,
TO DATE 18,413 HD, 442,801 LBS; OLD 4 HD, TO DATE 267 HD;
TOTAL 238 HD, TO DATE 18,580 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER 491,672 *

DECEMBER 1-25, 1999 303,907 *

To date 1999 5,045,897 *

To date 1998 5,170,821 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 JANUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on 4-8 lb. breasts and tom full-cut wings, necks barely steady, 10 lb. and heavier rib breasts barely steady to weak. Demand light on 4-8 lb. breasts with some buyers cautious and taking a wait and see position as they watch for further market developments, slow on institutional breasts. Neck and wing demand seasonally slow. Trading light. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts adequate to fully adequate, institutional breasts fully adequate to burdensome, full-cut wings and necks fully adequate. Fresh tom wings (part load) 29.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	28.00		28.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	39.90	134
NECKS, TOM		M	16.43	102
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	155.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/				
THIGH MEAT		R	75.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00		68.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.50-109.00		107.50	120
SCAPULA MEAT	64.00		64.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	6
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	143.33	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50		15.50	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.00	104
TAILS		W	14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	70.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment mixed on destrapped tenderloins with some buyers reporting sellers calling to offer product while others report sales at higher trending price levels, steady to firm on breast trim. Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on 4-8 lb. breasts. Most sellers have noted increased inquiry on 4-8 lb. breasts, however, some buyers have turned their attention to the more attractively priced broiler items. Export demand and trading improved on tom 2-joint wings at the 21 cent price level, drums slow due in part to competition from broiler leg quarters which are freely trading in the low 20's delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00-109.00		107.67	240	107.67	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	112.00		112.00	40	112.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.23	52	28.31	102
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	26.00-28.00		27.33	120	26.86	140
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	26.00-27.00		26.33	60	27.62	130
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	30.00	40	30.22	69
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	28.00-29.00		28.67	60	28.61	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	40	24.99	239
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	39.90	134	39.90	134
NECKS, TOM	16.50		16.50	40	16.45	142
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	155.00	40	155.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00-156.00		155.06	360	155.06	360
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00-70.00		68.68	91	70.59	271
BREAST TRIM MEAT	107.00-110.50		108.75	160	108.21	280
SCAPULA MEAT	65.00		65.00	120	64.88	160
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	20	125.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	138.00-144.00		139.15	260	139.17	266
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	145.00		145.00	40	144.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.50-18.00		17.00	120	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-18.00		16.41	390	17.01	890
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	40	27.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00-21.50		21.10	520	21.42	624
TAILS		W	14.00	312	14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.88	424	17.89	464
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	70.00	80	70.00	80

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